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5. BRITISH REP CIRCULATED DRAFT REMARKS WHICH HE HAD PREPARED FOR HIS AMBASSADOR TO USE AT SIGNING CEREMONY. DRAFT TWICE MENTIONS "REVIEW" OF FEOF'S FUTURE, A POINT WHICH BRITISH REP SAID HE MIGHT NOW DE-EMPHASIZE SINCE JAPANESE WERE PARTY PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN THAT REVIEW (AND SINCE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT FEOF WILL ENDURE BEYOND 1975). OTHERWISE, MOST SIGNIFICANT PARAGRAPH IN DRAFT IS AS FOLLOWS: "TODAY'S SIGNATURE WILL I HOPE DO TWO THINGS: FIRST, IT SHOULD PROVIDE THE CONFIDENCE NEEDED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF ESSENTIAL IMPORTS AND OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WHICH BENEFIT LAOS. SECOND, IT SHOULD PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF TIME TO ENABLE THE PGNU TO WORK OUT THE MEASURES WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY TO BRING NEARER THE DAY WHEN LAOS BECOMES ECONOMICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT, WHICH WE KNOW
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TO BE THEIR WISH. IT WAS THE RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE TWO ELEMENTS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE PGNU WHICH SUSTAINED US THROUGHOUT THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS."

6. LATER ON JULY 9 FEOF MANAGER HUNT CALLED ON US REP TO DISCUSS NON-RECEIPT OF BANK STATEMENTS FROM IRVING TRUST (SEPTTEL TO DEPT AND BANGKOK ONLY). HE SAID THAT FEOF BALANCES AS OF COB JULY 8 STOOD AT \$708,000, ALL OF WHICH IS SPOKEN FOR, AND THAT LIABILITIES TOTAL ABOUT \$300,000. HE ALSO SAID PGNU HAS NOT CONVENED ANY MEETINGS OF THE CODE SINCE JUNE 27, ALTHOUGH DONORS RECOMMENDED JUNE 30 THAT MEETINGS NOT BE SUSPENDED. THERE IS HEAVY PRESSURE FROM SHELL AND OTHER POL IMPORTERS FOR AN EARLY MEETING TO CONSIDER THEIR FX PURCHASE APPLICATIONS, AND HUNT BELIEVES THAT IF LAO ARE WISE THEY WILL CONVENE A MEETING NOT LATER THAN END OF CURRENT WEEK. (THERE IS INCREASINGLY STRONG

TALK OF GASOLINE RATIONING, AND WE SPECULATE THAT CABINET
MAY DISCUSS ISSUE AT JULY 9 MEETING.)

7. WE SHALL MAKE CERTAIN THAT PRESS REPRESENTATIVES IN
VIENTIANE (CONSIDERABLY REDUCED IN NUMBER FOR THE MOMENT)
GET THE WORD CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REF A. MOST OF
WHAT THE FOREIGN PRESS CORPS KNOWS ABOUT
FEOF ALREADY COMES FROM BACKGROUNDING BY FORMER AND
PRESENT US ROTLDD.

8. WE DOUBT THAT THE PGNU WILL ATTEMPT TO DISTORT
SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR SIGNING BUT SHALL BE ALERT TO
THAT POSSIBILITY.
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